**Special Status to States**

† 2713. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL :Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the States in the country which have been accorded special status by Government;

(b) the details of the financial assistance provided by Government and the fund actually utilized by the States during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the achievements in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) The Special Category States are Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya. Mizoram. Nagaland. Sikkim. Tripura and Uttaranchal.

(b) and (c) Information on Central Assistance allocated and released to the States by the Centre. State-wise, is given in the Statement.

**Statement**

*Details of Central Assistance allocated and released to States by the Centre*

(Rs. Crore)

| | 1998-99 | | 1999-2000 | | 2000-2001 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| States | AP | Released | AP | Released | AP | Released |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 534.82 | 525.57 | 574.17 | 571.54 | 609.' | 5^ i.OI |
| Assam | 1443.13 | 1343.13 | 1616.1 ' | 1449 66 | 1686.56 | 1544.27 |
| Himachal 1'radcsh | 915.41 | 757.98 | 809.71 | 945 99 | 810.89 | 952.92 |
| Jamimi and Kashmir | 2459.24 | 2383.72 | 2631.98 | 2896.81 | 1963.26 | 1657.J2 |
| Manipur | 456.27 | 417.51 | 506.08 | 561.78 | 565.86 | 413.41 |
| Meghalaya | 376.31 | 336.88 | 421.77 | 38. | 393.59 | 404.76 |
| Mizoram | 335.56 | 328.92 | 384.67 | 412.71 | 401.26 | 399.78 |
| Nagaland | 347.4 | 367.89 | 394.76 | 452.14 | 124.59 | 422.7 |

† Original notices df the question was received in Hindi.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sikkim | 251.52 | 253.39 | 329.92 | 296.49 | 263.81 | 266.36 |
| Tripura | 598.75 | 523.55 | 656.12 | 647.51 | 633.7 | 659.52 |
| TOTAL : | 7718.41 | 7238.54 | 8325.29 | 8616.67 | 7753.02 | 7311.75 |

**Acceleration of works on Railways Projects**

2714. SHRIYADLAPATIVENKATRAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways have sought special grant to accelerate work on selected projects:

(b) if so. the projects proposed to be covered by the Special Grants: and

(c) the action taken to sanction additional fund to complete the pending projects in Public Interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATIVASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Railways have sought additional funds from the Central Government for expediting the completion of identified projects. The details of these projects including their estimated cost and the target date of completion, wherever fixed, are enclosed in the Statement.

**Statement**

*Details of Railway Projects togetherwith their Estimated Cost and Target date of Completion*

(in Rs. croree)

| Sl. No. | Name of Project | Rly. | Lates Anticipated Cost | Status Target Date of Completion |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | New Lines | | | |
| 2. | Panvel-karjat : Electrified Line Pliase-I | CR | 106.90 | Proposed to be completed during 2002-03 |
| | Fatua-Islampur including material modification for extension of new line from Bihar Sharif to Bargigha | ER | 131.39 | Fatua-Islampur is planned to he completed during 2002-03. |